

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

We demand that you treat this matter as seriously as you treated CBS over Janet Jackson. After all, her costume malfunction didn't change the world or harm anyone, but allowing a rich man to force TV stations to air anti-Kerry propaganda and allowing them to get by with their fake "news" label, could change the course of world history.

If you allow this fake "news" to be aired, you MUST make Sinclair provide equal time to John Kerry for airing a fake "news" story such as Michael Moore's F9/11.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.